

SANDS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
SANDS TOWNSHIP OFFICE COMPLEX
April 16, 2024

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** Shelley Brauer called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:**
 - Present:** Shelley Brauer, Suzanne Sundell, Cory Bushong, Justin Yelle
 - Absent:** Pam Lajewski-Pearson (excused)
 - Employees in Attendance:** Randy Yelle (zoning administrator), Barb Kransi (recording secretary)
 - Public in Attendance:** None
3. **Agenda:** Suzanne Sundell moved; Cory Bushong seconded motion to approve the agenda as presented
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
4. **Minutes:** Cory Bushong moved; Suzanne Sundell seconded motion to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2024 Planning Commission meeting as presented
Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.
5. **Public Comment:** None
6. **Business:**

Oberstar, LLC request SUP24-02:

 - a. Public hearing SUP24-02
 - Commissioner Brauer opened public hearing
 - Randy Yelle summarized proposal to expand Oberstar, LLC's existing sand mining operation
 - No requestor input
 - No public input
 - Commissioner Brauer closed public hearing
 - b. Following commissioner questions and discussion, Commissioner Bushong moved that, after conducting the required public hearing, reviewing the Sands Township Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan, and receiving input from township staff, township residents, the general public, and the requester, it is the determination of the Sands Township Planning Commission that Special Use Permit number SUP24-02 be approved as requested, and with the following conditions:

Conditions:

Must comply with all of the following:

- Comply with all local, county, state (including EGLE) and federal requirements regarding mineral extraction.
- Comply with the Sands Township Noise Ordinance.
- Comply with Section 413 of the Sands Township Zoning Ordinance.
- At time of closure and/or abandonment (no longer used) recovery of the area will be reclaimed to its natural state including grading to no more than a 25% grade, top soil as needed for seeding of area and trees, per zoning ordinance section 414 (C) within one year.
- Shall maintain no less that a fifty (50) additional setback from any and all waterways.
- Reclamation shall be accomplished in stages, as areas are no longer used.

Motion seconded by Commissioner Sundell

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

Renewal Requests:

Following Mr. Yelle's explanation and commissioner questions and discussion, Commissioner Sundell moved and Commissioner Bushong seconded a motion to recommend that the township board approve the annual licensing renewal for High Profile of Marquette Dispensary and Firelight and Co., LLC.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0 Motion carried.

7. Zoning Department Activity Report:

Board reviewed activity report.

8. MCSWMA Authority Activity Report:

Board reviewed activity report.

9. Public Comment: None

10. Commissioners Comment: None

11. Adjournment: Commissioner Shelley Brauer adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Shelley Brauer
Chairman

Pam Lajewski-Pearson
Secretary

Barb Kransi
Recording Secretary